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In re Application of: : **PATENT APPLICATION**
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Charles Abbas, et al. : **TRANSFORMATION SYSTEMS FOR**
: **FLAVINOGENIC YEAST**
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Serial No.: 09/903,508 :
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Group Art Unit: 1636
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL OFFICIAL
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Official Action mailed February 13, 2004, in connection with the above-captioned Application, having a statutory period for response set to expire May 13, 2004. This Amendment and Reply is submitted within the two-month period of the mailing date of the final action. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue an advisory action before the end of the three-month statutory period ending May 13, 2004. The Examiner's objections and rejections have been carefully considered, and in view of the following remarks and amendments, reconsideration and early allowance of all pending claims is courteously requested.

Please amend this Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 3 of this Amendment.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this Response.

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply to Final Office Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116;
2. Certificate of Mailing (Express Mail); and
3. 1 (one) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing these documents and that it be returned. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this Patent Application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-4553. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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The Examiner is asked to kindly take note of the new attorney reference number in this case, 030706.

Very truly yours,

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